

**TOPSAIL ISLAND  
SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMISSION**

February 20, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.

Town of Topsail Beach

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Commission Members:

Chairman Michael Curley - Surf City  
Ed Broadhurst - Topsail Beach  
Julian Bone- Topsail Beach  
David Ward- Surf City  
Suzanne Gray- North Topsail Beach  
Tom Leonard- North Topsail Beach  
Richard Peters \_North Topsail Beach  
Lionel Midgett- Onslow County  
Hiram Williams –Surf City

Liaisons:

Stuart Turille- North Topsail Beach  
Dan Tuman- North Topsail Beach  
Laurence Bergman- Surf City  
Tim Holloman- Topsail Beach  
Howard Braxton- Topsail Beach

Others Attending:

Steve Smith - Topsail Beach

**I Call to Order:**

Chairman Mike Curley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Bone made the motion to approve the January 23, 2014 minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was carried.

**III. Old Business:**

- Marlowe & Co.:

Mr. Curley stated the February conference on the WRDA are dedicated to getting the bill wrapped up. The sooner it is done the better the chances of it passing. HR3370 should come before the house the week of February 24<sup>th</sup>. It seems likely for passage but amendments would pro-long the affordability act.

- Connie Wilson:

Mr. Curley stated that Connie's primary purpose has been focused on flood insurance and resolutions.

- Towns' Local Projects:

1. North Topsail Beach:

Mr. Tuman stated there are new habitat regulations for sea turtles. Several exemptions could possibly apply. Camp Lejeune is one of the areas in exempt of the regulations, along with Vulosuia County, Florida is another. These two locations have adopted ordinances and plans to deal with critical habitat for wildlife. Pete Benjamin with North Carolina Wildlife stated that other locations could possibly avoid these regulations by adopting adoption of such ordinances and plans. Mr. Benjamin has offered to come to North Topsail Beach and make a presentation, on what others have done and what breaks may possibly be available. North Topsail Beach is searching for Island wide support.

Mr. Leonard asked if these regulations would possibly open up the dredge widow.

Mr. Tuman responded he believed so.

Mr. Curley requested the presence of Mrs. Beasley at the meeting.

Mr. Leonard made the motion for the TISPC to invite Mr. Pete Benjamin to present, and invite Mrs. Beasley, and appointed Mrs. Gray as the liaison and point of contact. Mrs. Gray seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Leonard reported no change since last month. They are planning on attending the American Shoreline Beach Protection Association in Washington D.C.

Mr. Turille stated that the Army Corps had funding at 100% for February, but after February 1<sup>st</sup> it became one for one, in the case of shallow draft. It

has placed towns accountable for 1/2 the dredging cost of maintenance dredging.

2. Topsail Beach:

Mr. Broadhurst stated they are still on schedule, they have received the FEMA extension. They have also signed a contract with North Dredging set to begin this fall, 2014, to put sand on beaches.

- Status of Existing Corps Projects

1. Corps – Pam Castens

Mr. Curley reported that as of June 2, North Topsail Beach and Surf City should be done with the project study. As of July 1, 2014 if there is no WRDA approval then we are finished with them. We must have the WRDA to continue with the Army Corps.

2. CRC Update:

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Curley stated that Marlowe and Company has suggested going to Washington D.C. in May. This is because of the schedule of agendas with the Senate and the House.

Mr. Bone stated he wanted to ensure the group got to see Senator Richard Burr, for he is the hardest to see.

Mr. Tuman stated they are meeting with him or his staff next week.

Mr. Curley stated that one representative from each town is slated to go.

Mr. Williams stated that everyone needed to continue their work with local legislatures on insurance, especially wind and hail.

**V. OPEN FORUM:**

The next meeting will be March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at North Topsail Beach.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Leonard made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Ward and carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Michael Curley, TISPC Chairman

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Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, TISPC Recorder